

Achievements in BRACATHON 3.0

BRACATHON 3.0, one of the biggest Hackathons in Bangladesh, organized by BRAC once every 2 years was held on 19th and 20th July 2019 at GP House located in Bashundhara R/A. Honourable ICT Minister, Zunaid Ahmed Palak was the Chief Guest of the prize-giving ceremony. Many high personnels from Grameenphone, BRAC, Dell Technologies were also present in the event.

Over 300 teams from 38 universities registered from all over the country submitted their idea for solving 5 different problems provided by BRAC. Total 40 teams were selected to compete in the final round of Bracathon and teams were given 36 hours to come up with the first working prototype. Finally based on the prototype, 3 teams from each of the 5 categories were shortlisted. Two teams "Team Spartacus" and "Team White Noise" and one individual "Team CloseSource" from AUST participated in the main event.

"**Team CloseSource**" consisting of **Ahsan Sadeeb Chowdhury** from **AUST CSE 35th Batch** along with the students of NSU and BracU have competed for Problem 5 titled "Knowledge Repository to generating Word Map" and secured the **First position**. They provided an AI-based smart system for making sense of all the data generated for the world map repository and searching through them for the problem.



"**Team Spartacus**" consisting of Rashedun Nobi Nirzhor, Maliha Mahjabin, Aniqua Tabassum, Faizah Binte Naquib from **AUST CSE 38th batch** secured the **top-3 position** by providing a text messaging system to transfer real-time data of "BRAC Education Program" and produce a more efficient way to store data in Database.

"**Team White Noise**" of AUST secured a **top-8 position** by providing an automatic survey template generator for Brac.

The final winners in each category were announced on the 23rd of July 2019 at The Lakeshore Hotel. Honourable ICT Minister Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak was the chief guest at the prize-giving ceremony.